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**Introduction**

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| **Outline of Council** | **Narberth Town Council** serves the area of Narberth and Crinow and its electorate of around 2293. It has 12 councillors, although currently there are three vacant seats, covering two wards: Narberth Urban and Narberth Rural. As democratically elected local representatives, the councillors have a unique and privileged position and the potential to make a real difference to people’s lives. Narberth Town Council is the level of government closest to the community, with Pembrokeshire County Council above it in hierarchy.  The Town Council employs 1 part-time member of staff.    The Training Plan for Councillor and staff is available on the Town Council’s webpage at Pembrokeshire County Council – [www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk](http://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk)  The Town Council keeps in touch with the community through several avenues:   * The Town Council Webpage – this gives information about the council, its members, its meetings both past and present, financial information, news and events. * Social Media – Facebook. * Full Council meetings – members of the public are welcome to attend and ask questions. * Collaborative working with local organisations – Police, Schools and Governing Bodies. * Collaborative working with the Local Authority and other town councils. * The council’s telephone number and email address are widely publicised. * Council Meetings can be attended remotely by contacting the Clerk for joining details before 1 p.m. on the day of the meeting.   **Narberth Town Council** is responsible for:   * Floral Displays in the Town * Person of the Year Award. * Annual Christmas Lights display * Annual Civic Service event * Church Yard Maintenance & Common Area grass cutting   **Narberth Town Council** supports   * Financial donations and other support for local organisations and good causes. |
| **Narberth Town Council Objectives** | * To improve the quality of life for people living in Narberth. The Town Council will do its utmost to enhance the town as a place in which to live, play, work, visit and invest. * To provide a strong voice for Narberth. * To preserve and enhance the traditions and identity of the town * To promote Narberth as a clean, safe town with a welcome for residents and visitors alike. * To engage with residents and businesses to understand their needs and resolve how those needs can be delivered within the capabilities available to the Town Council. * To work collaboratively with other organisations to achieve the best for Narberth. * To sustainably promote the Town and protect its heritage. |

**Financial Summary 2023-2024**

The Council precept is the main source of income and represents the amount of council tax paid by households in Narberth that is allocated to the Town Council. The annual precept (£60.93 per Band D household) raised a total of £83,000 for the Town Council during 2023/2024. The Town Council also received other income of £7,530. The Council retains general reserves in excess of £60,000 to deal with unforeseen emergencies.

**3 Year Plan**

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| Narberth Town Council – 3-year plan | | | |
| **Objective**  **Quality of life and environment** | **How are NTC contributing to the Objectives** | **How the goals are met.** | **Which Goals does this work support?** |
| Play Area | 2023 ongoing | These is an important community facilities to promote health and fitness, improve physical and mental health. | A Healthier Wales  Prosperous Wales  A Wales of cohesive communities  A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh Language. |
| St Andrew’s Closed Cemetery | 2023 ongoing | Keep the area in good order. The cemetery is over 150 years old and in need of some remedial work with accessible footpaths being installed. | A Wales of cohesive communities.  A globally responsible Wales.  Fulfil the Council’s biodiversity goals. |
| Common Land and Town Moor | 2023 ongoing |  | A Wales of cohesive communities. |

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| **Steps taken by the Town Council towards their Objectives.**  Strong Connections | | |
| Donations. | The town council’s donations scheme enables local organisations and associations to apply for and benefit from funding. In 2023/24 the donations enabled some organisations to obtain vital financial resources to enable them to remain operational. | Prosperous Wales  More equal Wales  Vibrant Culture and thriving Welsh Language |
| Town Councillors | Narberth Town Councillors are in regular contact with their local communities and represent the Town Council on many local organisations. As such community information is available and problems addressed quickly. | Cohesive Communities |
| Youth Representation | Build youth opportunities within Narberth Town Council to develop a more cohesive and engagement platform for the young people of the town. | Prosperous Wales  Cohesive Communities  Vibrant Culture & Thriving Welsh language. |
| Mayor & Civic Role | The Mayor is involved in many events being run within the town, especially during the Civic Week and Carnival. | Cohesive Communities  Vibrant Culture and Thriving Welsh Language |
| Person of the Year Award. | This award recognise the work of a local person and provides the opportunity for the Town Council to acknowledge their good work. Everyone works for the benefit of the local community. | Cohesive Communities  Resilient Wales |
| **Steps taken by the Town Council.** | | |
| Annual Events | Narberth Town Council has an annual programme of key events to bring together local people and communities.  These include:   * Civic Service * Remembrance Service and Parade on Remembrance Sunday * Christmas Lights | Prosperous Wales  Resilient Wales  Healthier Wales  More Equal Wales  Cohesive Communities  Vibrant Culture |
| The Role of Councillors | Elected Members represent the Council on various bodies including school governors, One Voice Wales, Police, Dyfed Health, | Cohesive Communities  More Equal Wales  Resilient Wales |
| Supporting the Local Economy | The Town Council has a policy of using local businesses and contractors wherever possible, keeping financial benefits within Narberth. | Prosperous Wales  Cohesive Communities |
| Decorative Displays | Narberth Town Council provides the floral displays within the town during the summer months and the Christmas motifs and tree lights during the festive season. The displays brighten the appearance of the town and attracts visitors and shoppers. | Prosperous Wales  Cohesive Communities |
| Key Stake-holders | Invitations are given to The Police and Pembrokeshire County Council for updates on important issues impacting on Narberth. | Resilient Wales  Cohesive Communities |

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| **Approved By Council** | | |
| **Signed By Mayor on behalf of Narberth Town Council** | **Name of Mayor** | **Date** |
| 7th May 2024 min ref:  13/24. | Cllr Christopher Walters  **Mayor** |  |
| **Review 12 Months** |